Uttaranchal, Government have *vide* its notification dated the 7th November, 2000 authorised the Ganga Management Board to cater to the Uttaranchal State too till alternative arrangements were made; and

(b) if so, whether the similar Board has been constituted in the new State; if not, the reasons therefor and by when, the same is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Water Resources issued a Notification on November 7, 2000 under Section 64 of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act so that the present arrangements in regard to supply of water to the successor States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal are not disturbed till the Ganga Management Board under Section 80 of the Act is created or alternative arrangements are made. The Ganga Management Board as envisaged under Section 80 of the Act, could not be notified by Government due to lack of consensus between the States of U.P. and Uttaranchal.

Financial provision made for inter linking of rivers

†3025. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of financial provision made for river linking campaign during the last two financial years;

(b) the extent of provision made for this purpose during the year 2006-07;

(c) the amount spent on this scheme each year by 31st October, 2006; and

(d) the details of the co-operation extended, interest taken and demands made by State Governments including Chhattisgarh to Central Government for the progress of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) No provision is made for any campaign for the river linking programme. However,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

National Water Development Agency (NWDA), a Government of India Society under the Ministry of Water Resources has been entrusted with the studies of interlinking of rivers (ILR) in the country under National Perspective Plan (NPP). The grants-in-aid received by NWDA for the studies on ILR during last two years *i.e.* 2004-05 and 2005-06 is Rs. 21 crore and Rs. 17 crore respectively.

The provision made for grant-in-aid to NWDA for the Financial Year 2006-07 is Rs. 41 crore and the amount spent by NWDA this year upto 31st October, 2006 is Rs. 10.45 crore.

(d) The representatives from State Governments including Chhattisgarh participate in the meetings organized by NWDA for ILR *viz* Annual General Meeting, Governing Body, Technical Advisory Committee, Consensus Group etc.

Restoration of neglected water bodies

3026. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the desired storage capacity requirement of the country;

(b) what is the present total storage capacity of all major big dams in the country;

(c) what is the present total storage capacity of small water structures/ ponds/reservoirs unicuts in the country;

(d) whether restoration of old, disused, neglected water bodies/reservoirs, can sufficiently add to the storage capacity as Government have announced a grandiose scheme of restoration of 1 lakh such structures; and

(e) if so, what are its plan and roadmap in the context?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Storage capacity of 213 billion cubic metre (BCM) has been created so far. This includes the storage created through major and medium projects as well as minor irrigation schemes. Storage capacity created through small tanks etc., is about 6 BCM. As per present assessment, the total estimated storage capacity of various projects under construction is about 76 BCM.